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FOR MATLOCK FROM MCCALL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FROM GARRISON: IF IT IS OKAY WITH YOU, BETTY AND I

ARE PLANNING TO ARRIVE ON THE PANAM FLIGHT ON JULY 29.
ASSUME YOU WILL DISCUSS WITH THE AMBASSADOR YOUR DEPARTURE
PLANS. - -

2. US COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION DELEGATION (ASSUR-MELLOR)
UNDER HOUSING AGREEMENT SCHEDULED ARRIVE MOSCOW SUNDAY,
JUNE 4 FROM LONDON VIA SU 581 AT 1725. SOVIET EMBASSY
WASHINGTON HAS NOT YET RECEIVED MFA AUTHORIZATION FOR
USDEL'S FULL ITINERARY, BUT IS WILLING TO ISSUE THEM VISAS
JUNE 2 FOR MOSCOW AS INTERIM MEASURE TO ALLOW THEIR DEPAR-
TURE ON SCHEDULE. SOVEMBOFF SUGGESTED OTHER DESTINATIONS
COULD BE ADDED TO VISA IN MOSCOW. IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY
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OF THIS CASE, WOULD YOU HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENT,
IF POSSIBLE, BY IMMEDIATE OPEN CABLE, ON HOW BEST TO
PROCEED?

3. FOR PORTER FROM MCCALL: CARPENTER NOW PLANS ARRIVE
KIEV AUGUST 6 OR 7. WE WILL RECONFIRM ETA TO YOU WHEN FINAL
TRAVEL PLANS MADE. BEST GUESTIMATE ON RONNA SHARP'S ETA IS

OCTOBER 78.

4. VANDERBILT ASSIGNMENT: SPOKE TO PROFESSOR DONALDSON TODAY ABOUT YOUR HOUSING SITUATION. HE IS STILL PURSUING POSSIBILITY OF FACULTY HOUSE. STUMBLING BLOCK IS FINDING PLACE FOR NINE MONTHS RATHER THAN FOR ENTIRE YEAR. UNFURNISHED HOUSE OR APT DEFINITE POSSIBILITY AND RELATIVELY EASY TO OBTAIN. A 3-BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE RENTS FOR ABOUT 350 DOLLARS A MONTH. SEVERAL FACULTY MEMBERS RETURN NEXT WEEK FOR SUMMER SESSION AND PROFESSOR DONALDSON WILL INQUIRE ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF HOUSE FOR YOU. IF NOTHING MATERIALIZES, HE WILL PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE.

5. FOR GROSS FROM WILLEMS: STATE 138878 WAS WHAT WE NEGOTIATED OUT OF WASHINGTON RE THE ACCELERATED TCP PROGRAM. IT APPROVES THE GENERAL PROPOSAL, FLAGS SOME OF THE MECHANICAL PROBLEMS, AND SOLICITS POSTS' VIEWS. WHILE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT HERE, EVEN WITHIN PART OF THE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE IDEA OF YOUR PREPARING ALL THE INS FORMS IN MOSCOW, I URGE STRONGLY THAT YOU NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO PREPARE THE INS FORMS WHICH REFER TO REFUGEE STATUS. IN ADDITION TO THE PROBLEM OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT SENSITIVITIES WHICH IS FLAGGED IN THE CABLE, THERE IS THE PROBLEM THAT MANY OF THE EMIGRANTS PROBABLY WOULD NOT GIVE YOU THE RIGHT ANSWERS. FAMILY REUNIFICATION IS THE RIGHT ANSWER AT OVIR, BUT NOT THE RIGHT ANSWER IN AN APPLICATION FOR DOCUMENTATION AS A REFUGEE. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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VOLAGS CAN HANDLE THIS PROBLEM WELL IN ROME, BUT I DO NOT THINK YOU SHOULD BE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH IT. MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE THE ALTERNATIVE IN PARA 22 OF STATE 138878. I AM CONFIDENT WE CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE THE VOLAGS PREPARE THE FORMS IN ROME -- I ESTIMATE ABOUT 20 MINUTES WORK PER EMIGRANT. THE USRP IS ALREADY FUNDING THROUGH THE VOLAGS SEVERAL CLERKS IN THE INS ROME OFFICE. I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN RESPONSE TO STATE 138878 IS A GOOD "FORT APACHE" CABLE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN'T RISK OFFENDING SOVIET SENSITIVITIES BY HAVING THE REFUGEE FORMS DONE IN THE USSR, EVEN IN THE EMBASSY BY AMERICANS. IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE HELPFUL TO RAISE THE "RIGHT ANSWERS" PROBLEM IN THE FRONT CHANNEL. IF ALL THIS WORKS OUT, WE ESTIMATE IT WILL SAVE THE USRP 1.6 MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE FIRST YEAR.

6. JUNE 1 PROFESSOR MCCLELLAN TOLD US HIS WIFE IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND HAS BEEN TOLD TO REPORT TO OVIR MONDAY, JUNE 5.

7. BRAWER VISIT: WE HAVE CAUTIONED MRS. BRAWER NOT TO TAKE ALONG ALL THE CARGO HER HUSBAND ASKED HER TO BRING

IN MARCH. WE HAVE ALSO TRIED TO CALM HER FEARS ABOUT
GOING SOLO TO RYAZAN, BUT SHE IS STILL SHAKEY. IT WOULD
HELP IF YOU COULD GIVE HER SOME IDEA OF HOW THE SOVIETS
WILL HANDLE HER ON THE TRAIN (ANY SOVIET ESCORT?) AND
AT RYAZAN. HER ARRIVAL TIME IN MOSCOW IS 1840 HOURS RPT
1840 HOURS JUNE 11 (JAL NO. 440). VANCE

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